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YouTube clip lands driver in hot water

FINED An Alberta man has learned the hard way not to do something illegal on video and then put it on YouTube.

A Rocky Mountain House man is facing almost $1,000 in fines after a YouTube video shows him illegally driving a truck through the North Saskatchewan River last fall. Government staff saw the video on Oct. 22.

Ryan Halyk, 32, was fined $920 for illegally operating a truck on paths reserved for off-road vehicles only. METRO CALGARY

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Flames Crucial win

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Anaheim Ducks goalie Jonas Hiller makes a save as Calgary Flame Ales Kotalik is tied up by Anaheim's Steve Eminger during second-period NHL action in Calgary yesterday. The Flames won 3-1 to pull within two points of eighth-place Detroit. Story, page 12

Witness reported bus day before fatal crash

Man says he called school after seeing 'dangerous' driving

The day before a Calgary school bus smashed into a parked gravel truck, killing a young girl, another driver was so concerned by how badly it was being driven he considered calling 911.

Pierre Lamarche told a fatality inquiry yesterday that he spotted the small orange bus speeding and veering wildly the afternoon of Oct. 17, 2007.

Lamarche, himself a bus driver, considered the driving so "erratic, unprofessional and dangerous" that he manoeuvred his own vehicle closer so he could take down the driver's information and make sure no children were riding inside.

"Had there been some kids on the bus, I would have called 911."
Pierre Lamarche, witness

"Had there been some kids on the bus, I would have called 911, that's how I felt about it," he testified.

Lamarche called the school named on the side of the bus and left a detailed message about the driver, checking back the next morning to see whether it had been picked up.

On that morning, he heard on the radio there had been a bus crash in the city. It wasn't until later that day, when he flicked on the news and saw the mangled wreckage at the side of the road, that he realized it was the same bus he had reported a day earlier.

Kathlynn Occena, 9, died in the crash after the bus scraped along the side of a gravel truck parked in the emergency lane of a busy Calgary highway, shearing off the entire right side, before hitting a light post.

Driver Louise Rogers pleaded guilty to careless driving and was fined $2,300.

The inquest, which can't lay blame, was called to look at ways similar accidents can be prevented in the future. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgarian charged in fraud of Olympians

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CRIME Three Olympic athletes training in Calgary for the Vancouver Games were among a group of investors allegedly bilked out of $435,000 in a Calgary man's scheme, police say.

Police have charged Robert Gordon Daignault, 42, with 10 counts of theft over $5,000 and two counts of fraud over $5,000 for allegedly selling lakefront property in Camrose that he didn't actually own.

While the three athletes training in Calgary last year were among the victims of the alleged scheme, including an American bobsled team member, Const. Sandra Carroll said the athletes weren't specifically targeted.

"He was just trying to get money from all the investors he could. The athletes were training in Calgary," Carroll alleged.

"I guess he's quite a personable guy. They were acquaintances. I'm not sure how they met, but they hung out."

It's alleged that Daignault and another man created a company called Canadian Properties Corp. and collected $435,000 in investments from at least 10 victims, who were taken for amounts ranging from $25,000 to $105,000.

The investigation began in November 2008.

Daignault remains in custody until a bail hearing tomorrow.

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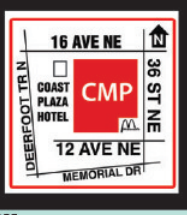

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Food bank drive to run for three weeks

Calgarians are encouraged to donate food or cash at their local Loblaw chain stores starting for the next three weeks, as part of a National Helping Food Drive campaign in an effort to aid 10,000 Calgary families turning to the food bank each month. For more information, visit foodbankscanada.ca

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Last week's swarming didn't happen, say cops

FABRICATION Police have determined an alleged swarming in the city's northeast last week was fabricated by two teenaged girls because they were late for school.

The teens said they were attacked by a group of teens but police determined it was a hoax.

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City picking up green lead: Ald.

Pincott says Calgary on track to head nation in waste diversion

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For a city that started out 20 years behind the rest of the country, Calgary is set to propel itself to the top of its class in waste diversion within four years, according to a city alderman.

Ward 11. Ald. Brian Pincott said he is very pleased with the results of the residential waste collection and disposal program report coming up to the utilities and environment committee today.

"For a city that was lagging so far behind not too long ago and is going to be leading the nation within four years — that's incredible," Pincott said.

Pincott said a successful automated garbage pickup pilot program last year in a handful of select communities will spread throughout the city next year.

Another integral part of the waste-diversion strategy will be the Tag-a-Bag program for excess garbage, but Pincott said it's too early to put a price tag on the cost.

Natalie Odd, executive director for Green Calgary, said the city is moving in the right direction.

"The sooner the better for pay-as-you-throw, because it gives people the extra incentive to cut down on their waste, which right now we don't have yet," Odd said.

The city expects to fully implement automatic garbage pickup in 2011 and the Tag-a-Bag program in 2012.

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With the blue bin program in full swing, and the black bin program slated for 2011, up next is a Tag-a-Bag system for 2012 to help further reduce the amount of waste headed to landfills.

Twestival part of global fundraiser

SOCIAL MEDIA Calgary Tweeps are once again coming together to raise money for a good cause — though this time it's an international event.

Tomorrow's Calgary Twestival — the third of its kind in the city — is part of a 175-city worldwide effort to raise money for Concern Worldwide, a childhood education organization.

Local organizer Lyn Cadence said the sway of global social media is a powerful one for those looking to make an impact in the world.

"It's one thing to have one fundraiser, but if it's happening all over the world, every little bit of money people donate adds up exponentially," she said.

Tickets for the 6 p.m. March 25 event at the Firewater Pub and Eatery can be found at calgary.twestival.com or can be purchased at the door.

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Growing cougar cubs newest addition to Calgary Zoo

ODIN AND FREYA Two orphaned cougar cubs found a new home at the Calgary Zoo yesterday.

The cubs, Odin and Freya, were found alone last year and spent nine months at the Smithers shelter in B.C. but will now call the Calgary Zoo home.

The shelter had to find an accredited zoo for the cubs as they were growing fast and the Calgary Zoo stepped up.

The cats were tranquilized for the trip and will join the zoo's other animals when they are ready, according to officials.

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Renovation too costly: Alderman

CITY HALL While a Calgary alderman agrees accessibility to city council chambers could be improved, he said the cosmetic improvements being planned are too pricey.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver said less expensive alterations could be made to accommodate people with disabilities — but the real cost cuts could come at the expense of cosmetic changes for council chambers, like the new desks, new electronics and new bathrooms, said McIver.

McIver was also concerned the report for the $1.5-million renovation didn't differentiate between accessibility costs and cosmetic costs.

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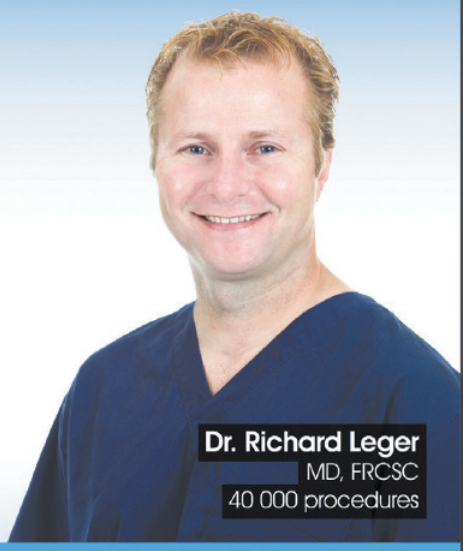

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Teacher accused of sexual assault

An Edmonton area teenager is accusing her former dance instructor of sexual assault.

Police say the 16-year-old contacted them earlier this month to report an encounter that allegedly occurred at her home in Sherwood Park last April.

She alleged a man who taught her dance lessons at an Edmonton studio had sexually assaulted her.

Police say there is no evidence to suggest that there may be more than one victim.

Twenty-eight-year-old Oliver Nino Damaso of Edmonton has been charged with sexual assault and sexual exploitation.

He is scheduled to appear in Sherwood Park provincial court today.

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News in brief

RULING A Calgary judge has ruled wait times were not to blame for the death of an 83-year-old man four years ago who fell and hit his head when his walker got caught in a downtown sidewalk. Medics took Johnny Redekopp to the Peter Lougheed Hospital in March 2006, where he waited for four hours before being transferred to Foothills Hospital when his condition worsened. The judge ruled the wait time was average but did make 11 recommendations as a result.

CHARGED Calgary Police have charged a local psychiatrist following sex assault allegations from one of his long-term patients. Sex Crimes Unit detectives began investigating allegations on Friday. The victim in the case, a 36-year-old man, was a patient of the doctor. It is alleged the sexual assaults occurred repeatedly over this period of time. Aubrey Levin, 71, of Calgary, was arrested yesterday and has been charged with one count of sexual assault.

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Air passengers get scare

About 100 people on a Montreal-to-Toronto Air Canada flight had a scare yesterday once the A-320 aircraft landed at Pearson International Airport. The pilot noticed an indicator light that signalled a hydraulic malfunction and alerted the airport the plane would have to be towed to the gate because of a steering problem. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada 60

Tweet your Earth Hour to Metro

Earth Hour is Saturday at 8:30 p.m. What will you be doing? This week, we'll share some tweets from Metro readers.

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Poll divided on funding for abortion

FAMILY PLANNING A new poll suggests Canadians overwhelmingly support providing contraceptives to the world's poorest women but they're not so sure about abortion.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey comes amid debate over Prime Minister Stephen Harper's plan to champion maternal and child health in developing countries during the coming G8 summit.

The poll indicates fully 74 per cent believed the plan should include government funding for contraception; only 21 per cent were opposed. But respondents were almost evenly split as to whether Harper's initiative should include funding for abortion services, with 48 per cent opposed and 46 per cent in favour.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Neo-con pundit's appearance nixed

PROTEST Security officials scrubbed American right-winger Ann Coulter's speech at the University of Ottawa last night after a boisterous protest prompted concerns for her safety.

A spokesman for the group that organized the event said they were fears for Coulter's well-being after about two thousand people gathered outside the venue to protest her presence there. Coulter is a darling of the U.S. right-wing who uses incendiary language to sell millions of books.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Protect the consumer: CRTC

Commission recommends complaints body within cable industry

Canadian TV subscribers were put on a pedestal yesterday, with both cabinet and the broadcast regulator lavishing attention on how to protect the ordinary, cash-strapped consumer.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) said it would like to see a new, self-regulated, independent, customer-complaints body within the cable and satellite industry.

It would also like a government awareness campaign to tell people about the country's transition to digital TV signals in the summer of 2011. Many viewers with older sets won't be able to tune in after the conversion and the commission suggests they should get some help to pay for the cost of a digital converter box, as was done in the U.S.

Those were just two of the recommendations the CRTC sent to the government on the heels of Monday's major decision on rebalancing the financial landscape in the broadcasting industry.

For the first time, the commission said TV networks can seek payment for their programming, either in kind or in cash, from cable and satellite companies. Those industries warn, however, that consumers will end up paying the bill.

The Federal Court of Appeals must first rule on the whole "value for signal" notion, and it seems the Conservative government is OK with that process.

But Heritage Minister James Moore made it clear he'll be watching the ultimate impact on the average cable or satellite subscriber.

"We are concerned about what's in the best interests of consumers first," said Moore. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tories grant widow's appeal

BAD PRESS Suzanne Trepanier will get to speak for her dead husband after all.

Buffeted by adverse publicity, the Conservative government yesterday suddenly backed away from its campaign to stop the grieving widow's appeal to speak to a parliamentary committee on behalf of Remy Beauregard, former president of Montreal's embattled Rights and Democracy, who died Jan. 8 from a heart attack.

The reversal is just the latest in a series "of flip flips" by the Conservatives, political critics say.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto **White's fight**

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UFC president Dana White responds during a presser in Toronto, yesterday. White reminded the provincial government about the popularity of mixed martial arts during the session. Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty has been on the ropes for weeks over his refusal to sanction the popular sport in Ontario, which supporters say would boost the province's troubled economy.

Military stops publicizing incidents of wounded

POLICY The Canadian military has quietly stopped reporting when soldiers are wounded on the battlefield and will instead deliver annual statistics to the public.

The stark policy shift is described as a deliberate attempt to keep the Taliban in the dark.

The weekend death of Cpl. Darren Fitzpatrick in an Edmonton trauma centre brought the directive to the forefront. The 21-year-old was mortally wounded in a previously unreported March 6 roadside bombing. Fitzpatrick, of 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, was on a foot patrol with Afghan soldiers when the blast occurred in the volatile Zhari district, west of Kandahar. There have been other recent unreported incidents, including a soldier with a gunshot wound to the leg last week.

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On the web

- Victoria police said an investigation has been launched after an officer was seen in a YouTube video appearing to kick two men on the ground.
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Social media whiz launches new site

Chris Hughes, co-founder of Facebook, has started a new social networking site for charities. Hughes left Facebook in 2007 to work on the online portion of Barack Obama's presidential campaign, which some say helped turn America in Obama's favour. The new site is called Jumo. METRO NEWS SERVICES

World

Biden adds emphasis to moment

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden added a little flair to President Barack Obama's signing of the historic health care bill at yesterday's White House ceremony. "This is a big f------ deal," Biden told Obama after introducing him. Biden appeared to be offering that perspective to Obama privately, but his remark was captured on audio and video. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India **Deadly fire**

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Onlookers get in the way of busy firefighters as they watch a building on fire in Kolkata, India yesterday. The fire broke out in a multi-storey building, killing at least four people and injuring another 14, police said. Many desperate people clung to the sides of the building, waiting for rescuers.

Chinese school knifing massacre part of pattern?

A former medical worker stabbed to death eight young children and wounded five others yesterday in a bloody rampage outside an elementary school in eastern China.

The 41-year-old attacker struck in the morning as students arrived for classes, mingling with parents at the school gates before suddenly pulling out his knife and slashing children, according to witnesses interviewed on local television.

In the aftermath, doctors treated small children and bodies lay covered in bloody sheets after the attack at Nanping City Experimental Elementary School in Fujian province. Police officers manned a cordon around the school. Some comforted distraught parents.

China has witnessed a series of school attacks in recent years, most blamed on people with personal grudges or suffering from mental illness. The rampage in Nanping was finally stopped by passersby and school security guards. The suspect was identified as Zheng Minsheng, 41. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pattern of attacks in China

- Recent school attacks include a July 2007 assault in which a mentally ill man wielding a wrench wounded 18 children and a teacher in a kindergarten in southern China before fleeing on a motorcycle and trying to stab himself to death. In June the same year, a man slashed four students, wounding one seriously, in a high school in the southeastern city of Fuzhou, while elsewhere, police shot dead a suspected mentally ill man who threatened to blow up a school in southern China with dynamite.

News in brief

MISSISSIPPI A school district violated a lesbian student's rights by banning her from bringing her girlfriend to the prom, a federal judge ruled yesterday, but he stopped short of forcing the district to hold the event. U.S. District Judge Glen H. Davidson denied an ACLU request for a preliminary injunction that would have forced the school to allow Constance McMillen to escort her girlfriend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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11:30 am to 12:15 pm Formal Annual General Meeting. The formal component of the meeting will include the presentation of audited financial statements, election of directors and other business as may properly come before the meeting.

A copy of the 2009 AGM minutes and 2009 audited financials may be viewed online at **www.calgaryunitedway.org** or obtained from the Office of the President, United Way of Calgary and Area, Suite 600, 1202 Centre Street SE, Calgary, AB, T2G 5A5.

All matters of business and the fiduciary component of the meeting shall be conducted in accordance with United Way of Calgary and Area bylaws.

12:15 pm to 1:30 pm Lunch and Keynote Speaker. Brent Copen, Senior Manager with La Piana Consulting, will present findings on the trends that will have the greatest impact on the not-for-profit sector over the next five to ten years. A question and answer period will follow. This will be a powerful discussion for agencies and donors who want to learn how to accelerate and advance the ability of nonprofits to achieve their mission.

To attend, please RSVP by Wednesday, April 7, 2010 online at **www.calgaryunitedway.org/events** or call (403) 231-6270.

United Way of Calgary and Area

Cheaper vodka means shorter lives for Russians, researchers say
Researchers in Russia say low vodka taxes have encouraged heavy drinking, cutting the average Russian life expectancy by 10 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Winemakers in South Africa say baboons have been eating away at the premium grapes used to produce fine wines.

Going ape for grapes

Baboons, it seems, prefer Pinot Noir. They also like a nice Chardonnay.

Largely undeterred by electric fences, hundreds of wild baboons in South Africa's prized wine country are finding the vineyards of ripe, succulent grapes to be an "absolute bonanza," said Justin O'Riain of the University of Cape Town.

Winemakers have resorted to using noisemakers and rubber snakes to try to drive off the baboons during harvest season.

"The poor baboons are driven to distraction," said O'Riain, who works in the university's baboon research unit. "(To baboons), the combination of starch and sugar is very attractive — and that's your basic grape."

Growers say the primates are partial to sweet Pinot Noir grapes, adding to winemakers' woes: Pinot Noir sells for more than the average Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon.

Baboons have raided South Africa's vineyards before, but farmers say it's worse this year because the primates have lost their usual foraging areas to wildfires and ongoing expansion of grape-growing areas.

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Google-China battle continues

WEB ACCESS Google Inc.'s partial withdrawal from China brought condemnation and signs of pressure from the government yesterday, while leaving web surfers to wonder whether a new search engine site in Hong Kong would be blocked by censors.

Google's decision to move most of its China-based search functions from the mainland to Hong Kong — a former British colony that retains special status but within Beijing's control — opened a new phase in a two-month-long fracas pitting the world's most powerful Internet company against a government that tightly restricts the web in the planet's most populous market.

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HEALTH New research suggests that older women of a healthy weight need at least an hour of moderate exercise daily to avoid weight gain, while overweight women need even more.

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Comment

Testing the limits of free speech

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Who is that blond lady and why is everyone so afraid of her?

I'm talking about Ann Coulter, the right-wing designer pundit from the U.S. currently cutting a swath through Ontario and heading for Calgary, where right-wing pundits roam freely and the skies are not cloudy all day.

She's probably the only good-looking fashionable right-wing pundit in America, which isn't hard when the competition is Rush Limbaugh and Bill O'Reilly.

But while Coulter looks nice, she sure doesn't sound nice. In fact, she writes books called Treason, and Guilty, and says the nastiest things about liberals, or Democrats, as they're called in the U.S.

Here's one of the nastiest: "Whether they are defending the Soviet Union or bleating for Saddam Hussein, liberals are always against America. They are either traitors or idiots, and on the matter of America's self-preservation, the difference is irrelevant."

Woo. Fightin' words.

But she's got a million of them, so many, in fact, a few have leaked out on her scorched earth tour of Canada. She told a Muslim student at one gathering to "get a camel" because she should be on a no-fly list, and commented that gay men can't throw a baseball "without looking like a girl." I can hardly wait until she starts to get really comfortable in Canada.

Coulter was in trouble even before she got here. Her firebrand right-wing zingers so worried a VP at the University of Ottawa, the poor man thought it was a good idea to send her a pre-emptive note reminding her that in Canada our laws on free speech are "different" here and "I therefore encourage you to educate yourself, if need be, as to what is acceptable in Canada and to do so before your planned visit here."

You don't have to be Ann Coulter to be offended by the patronizing tone of that, but she's something else. She has termed herself a victim of a "hate crime" and will file a complaint to the Human Rights Commission. The letter is a hate crime, she reasons, "or the whole commission is BS."

Ann Coulter and her fellow bigmouths do serve a function: They test the limits of freedom of expression. There's no one like her in this country, not even guys like Ezra Levant and Mark Steyn, who fly on her wing. Everyone here has either been cowed into politeness by the threat of ceaseless official harassment, or honestly believes we all have to be nice to each other in order to get along.

But freedom is noisy. And Ann Coulter, like it or not, is the noise that freedom makes.

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Word on the street: How will you spend Earth Hour this Saturday?

Marine Pinter
Calgary
A: I'm going to be working that day but I'm going to take the train to work and I encourage the whole city to participate.

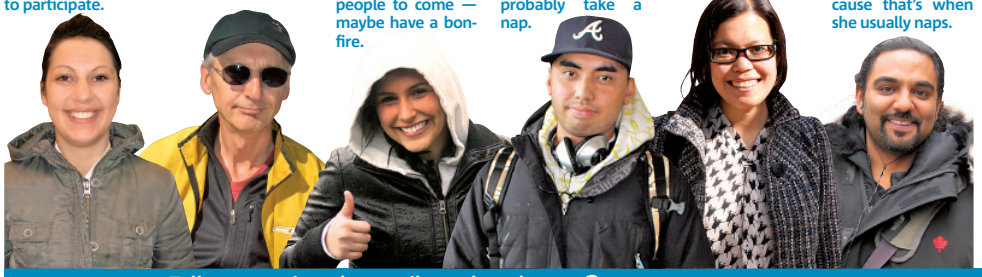
Gerald Rotering
Calgary
A: We're going to shut down the extra fans, lighting and electrical in the apartment. We participate every year.

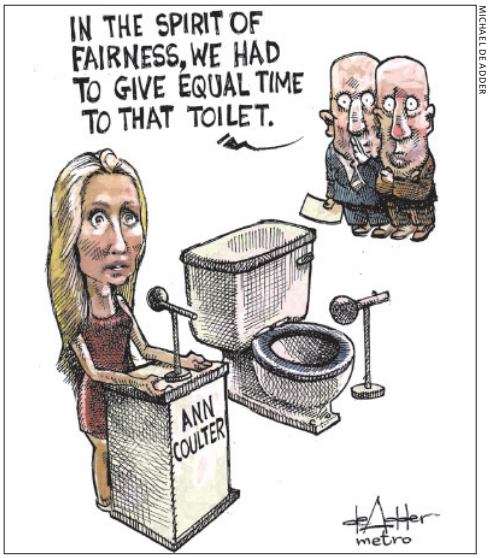
Kaitlyn Janice
Halifax
A: A couple of friends and I are trying to create a drum circle and hang out. We want to get a bunch of people to come — maybe have a bonfire.

Salvador Garcia
Edmonton
A: I plan to shut off everything in my house, including my TV, and unplug all that stuff. I'll chill out in the dark and probably take a nap.

Loralie Frandsen
Comox Valley, B.C.
A: Hopefully, I'll be on the beach, making out with my boyfriend, drinking a bottle of wine.

Gurbir Jolly
Toronto
A: I plan to spend it with my daughter, who is 15 months old. It'll be a family Earth Hour, nothing terribly exciting because that's when she usually naps.





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Pharma giants pledges to help vaccinate developing world

GlaxoSmithKline and Pfizer Inc. made a 10-year commitment to supply developing nations with new pneumonia vaccines, the Geneva-based public-private partnership GAVI Alliance said yesterday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Stimulus didn't help much: Fraser Institute

Think-tank credits private investment for Canada's economic recovery

A prominent think-tank says Canadian government stimulus packages had little to do with last year's economic recovery, crediting private investment and increased exports for the rebound.

The Fraser Institute says spending packages by both federal and provincial governments had a minimal impact on last year's improvement in Canada's gross domestic product, the key measure of economic strength.

The Vancouver-based group, which is an advocate of free-market economic policies, released a report saying stimulus measures contributed just 0.2 per cent to GDP growth between the second quarter and third quarter of 2009.

In contrast, official statistics indicate the economy grew by 1.1 per cent over the same period.

The report says government spending and investment contributed nothing at all to the one per cent improvement recorded between the third quarter and fourth quarter.

The report was compiled by analyzing Statistics Canada data on the economic impact of government spending and investment as well as private sector activity.

The institute says its findings are not surprising considering Ottawa earmarked 40 per cent of its stimulus funds for infrastructure projects, which take time to implement.

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Toyota recalls occurred in '03

AUTO The CBC reports that Toyota recalled cars in 2003 because of fears sliding floor mats would jam the gas pedal — almost seven years before a similar large-scale recall.

The network says critics in Canada and the United States say the 2003 recall shows that sliding floor mats in Toyota vehicles have been a problem for some time and that the company should have been more vigilant.

In 2003, Toyota recalled 400 Celicas because of the "potential" danger caused by the mats, a CBC analysis of 12 years of Transport Canada vehicle recall data found.

In 2009, drivers of Toyota models including the 2009 and 2010 Rav4 and Matrix were informed that "on certain vehicles, if the specifically designed all-weather floor mat for that vehicle is not secured by the retaining clip or placed on top of an existing mat, the mat could move forward and may interfere with the accelerator pedal."

Toyota official Sandy De Felice said the 2003 and 2009 recalls are different.

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Scotiabank expects about 510,000 home sales this year, up 10 per cent from 2009.

Housing boom to continue in spring, Scotiabank predicts

BUYING Canada's housing boom will continue this spring as exceptionally low mortgage rates — and the expectation that borrowing costs will soon be headed higher — add a sense of urgency to consumer buying.

A Scotiabank global real estate trends report released yesterday predicts most Canadian regions will remain sellers' markets for the first half of the year, as strong demand and rising prices continue.

"I think you're going to have a very active spring market, probably some cooling off in the second half of the year," Adrienne Warren, the Scotiabank economist who wrote the report said in a presentation yesterday.

"We're looking at once in a lifetime interest rates that people are taking advantage of ... but certainly confidence is coming back, the job markets are stabilizing," she said.

Scotiabank expects about 510,000 home sales this year, up 10 per cent from 2009, but just shy of the 2007 record. Average prices are forecast to increase about eight per cent to a record $345,000, while housing starts are expected to reach 190,000, up from 149,000 last year.

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Confidence

- The economic recovery from last year's painful recession has improved consumer confidence, although a bounce back in the jobs market is taking more time. Just over a third of the 417,000 jobs lost in the 2008-2009 recession have been replaced and the jobless rate is still at 8.2 per cent, only half a point below its high last August.

In brief

OPPORTUNITY Bank of Montreal chief executive Bill Downe says Canadian businesses should look beyond the border to expand now that the economy is recovering from recession and they can afford productivity-enhancing equipment. Downe told the bank's annual meeting in Winnipeg yesterday both BMO and its business customers have the opportunity to ramp up growth.

GAMING Nintendo said yesterday it would begin selling a 3-D version of its popular handheld console within a year. The Nintendo 3DS will feature a 3-D display without the need for glasses. The new portable gaming device will be compatible with software made for earlier DS models, the company said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Athens Peaceful protest

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A protesting firefighter holds a flare during a demonstration against the Greek government's austerity measures in Athens, yesterday. Some 500 firefighters took part in the peaceful march, protesting cuts to their salaries under measures intended to save the debt-ridden country some 4.8 billion euros this year.

Real estate agents confused over 'anti-competitive' claims

REALTORS Thousands of independent Canadian real estate agents who battle daily for clients cannot fathom why the competition watchdog believes the industry is "anti-competitive," says the head of one of Canada's largest brokerages.

Philip Soper, president of Royal LePage, says many of his agents are confused about why the federal Competition Bureau continues to bemoan a lack of choice even after the industry voted to introduce more service flexibility.

"(The realtors) feel that they live in a hyper-competitive industry where they have to fight for every piece of business," he said in an interview yesterday.

"What they see is heavy competition day after day, and so when an official body states they believe there isn't competition, they find that disturbing and they can't understand why."

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"(The realtors) feel that they live in a hyper-competitive industry."
Philip Soper, Royal LePage

High loonie adds to Clearwater's woes
Halifax-based Clearwater Seafoods Limited Partnership had a $2.2-million loss in the fourth quarter, feeling the impact of lower sales volumes, tighter margins for lobsters and a higher Canadian dollar.. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New look for old directory

The fingers are still doing the walking for the Yellow Pages, but they've had a makeover as the company looks for increased digital growth with more web-based services.

Now known as Yellow Media Inc., the Montreal-based company unveiled its new logo yesterday as a simple pair of fingers. Gone from the logo is the directory the fingers had been strolling across for generations.

"Our logo was too traditional," president and CEO Marc Tellier said in an interview.

"Let's recognize that the world has changed and that our logo is living in an environment that wasn't even contemplated."

Yellow Pages is looking at small and medium-sized businesses for more online growth and for growth on mobile devices such as BlackBerrys and iPhones.

Yellow Pages has already said it expects to have 20 per cent of its revenues come from digital applications this year.

Tellier said print and digital revenues should be equal in a few years.

However, he said its print advertising directories aren't being abandoned and although their growth has eroded, they haven't suffered as much as their perception.

"It's not shrinking at anywhere near the perceived rate," he said, adding they haven't "shrivelled up and died."

The Montreal-based company still prints its Yellow Pages directory and Tellier said some businesses such as plumbing and roofing still work in that format.

Yellow Media Inc. also owns the Trader classified-ad publications business.

Tellier said Yellow Pages has about 400,000 small and medium-sized business customers and only about 42 per cent have websites, with surveys showing about half haven't been satisfied with their sites.

As a result, it will begin offering its a webpage production service later this year to these businesses, Tellier said.

He hopes his company will become a "one-stop destination" for small and medium-sized business for all of their digital needs, including email marketing, ratings and reviews for businesses, coupons and promotions and search engine marketing as well as video production.

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Business in brief

STATSCAN The composite index rose 0.8 per cent in February as nine of 10 components rose. Statistics Canada reports household demand led the increase, while manufacturing continued to recover. The housing index accelerated to 1.7 per cent growth, after slowing over the previous four months. However, all of the increase originated in higher housing starts, as existing home sales fell for the first time since February 2009. The leading indicator for the U.S. grew 0.8 per cent, matching the ninth straight increase for Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canseco tweets about subpoena

Jose Canseco says he has been subpoenaed by a grand jury investigating whether Roger Clemens lied to Congress when he denied using performance-enhancing drugs. Canseco posted on Twitter yesterday that he had received a subpoena to appear before the grand jury "about roger clemens,andrew pettite and others" on April 8. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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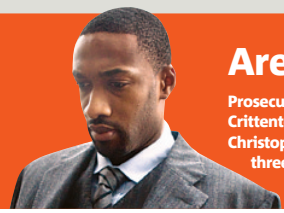

Arenas pressured teammate: Prosecutors

Prosecutors say Washington Wizards star Gilbert Arenas, left, tried to pressure teammate Javaris Crittenton into covering up their locker-room confrontation in December. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Kavanaugh made the allegation in a court filing yesterday as he advocated for a three-month jail sentence for Arenas for bringing guns to the Verizon Center. Sentencing is scheduled for Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Calgary Flames forward Niklas Hagman, centre, celebrates his goal against the Anaheim Ducks with Matt Stajan and Jarome Iginla last night at the Pengrowth Saddledome.

Getting closer

NHL RESULTS

Ducks 1 Flames 3

Rene Bourque scored the game-winner on a breakaway late in the second period to lead the Flames to a 3-1 win over the Anaheim Ducks last night.

With the win, the Flames (37-27-9) pulled to within two points of the Detroit Red Wings (36-23-13) for eighth place in the Western Conference.

Nigel Dawes and Niklas Hagman also scored for the Flames, while captain Jarome Iginla and defenceman Jay Bouwmeester chipped in with a pair of assists each.

Scott Niedermayer scored the lone goal for the Ducks (34-30-8), who are nine points out of a playoff spot with 10 games left.

Calgary goalie Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 22 of 23 shots for his 32nd win, while Jonas Hiller made 25 saves for Anaheim.

With Daymond Langkow out of the lineup with a neck injury sustained Sunday at Minnesota, the Flames called up forward Brett Sutter from the Abbotsford Heat of the American Hockey League.

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Sacramento at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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WESTERN CONFERENCE OVERALL STANDINGS

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d-San Jose	74	44	19	10	235	192	98
d-Vancouver	73	44	25	4	238	190	92
Phoenix	74	46	23	5	201	181	97
Nashville	74	42	27	5	207	206	89
Los Angeles	71	42	24	5	211	188	89
Colorado	72	40	25	7	216	194	87
Detroit	72	36	23	13	196	193	85
CALGARY	**73**	**37**	**27**	**9**	**187**	**182**	**83**
Dallas	73	32	27	14	211	231	78
St. Louis	72	34	29	9	196	199	77
Anaheim	72	34	30	8	204	220	76
Minnesota	73	35	32	6	199	215	76
Columbus	73	29	32	12	190	235	70
Edmonton	73	24	42	7	187	250	55

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NFL owners back new rules for overtime playoff games

FOOTBALL Sudden death has gotten a little less sudden in the NFL playoffs.

The league yesterday changed its overtime rules for post-season games. Starting next season, if a team wins the coin toss and then kicks a field goal, the other team gets the ball. If that next series ends with another field goal, play will continue under the current sudden-death rules.

If the team winning the toss immediately scores a touchdown, however, the game is over.

Team owners voted 28-4 yesterday in favour of the proposal at the NFL meetings. Minnesota, Buffalo, Cincinnati and Baltimore opposed the change.

Passage was helped by commissioner Roger Goodell's support and by a spate of statistics indicating the coin toss had become too prominent in determining OT winners.

34 Statistics showed that since 1994, the team that won the overtime coin toss won the game on the first possession 34 per cent of the time.

Minnesota lost last season's NFC championship game in overtime to New Orleans. The Saints won the toss, drove downfield and kicked a field goal to win.

"Modified sudden death is an opportunity to make a pretty good rule ... even better," said Atlanta Falcons president Rich McKay, co-chairman of the competition committee. "Statistically, it needed to change. It wasn't producing the 'fairest result.'"

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Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir perform their compulsory dance yesterday at the world figure skating championships in Turin, Italy.

Virtue, Moir get top marks in compulsory dance

SKATING Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir were the picture of elegance gliding around the Palavela ice, she in glamorous silver and sequins, he in bow tie and tails, their execution of the Golden Waltz exquisite.

But don't be fooled by their polished performance in the compulsory dance that vaulted the Canadians into the lead at the world figure skating championships. Virtue and Moir are far from fans of what they believe is an antiquated element of ice dance, and will be thrilled to see it go.

"We think it's a little outdated and I don't think that the results really speak true when they come out after compulsory dances, and I don't think it's necessary anymore in today's sport of ice dance," Moir said. "I think it has kind of come a long way and (the compulsory dance) is kind of holding us back."

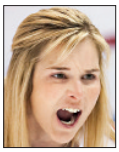
A month after capturing Canada's first Olympic ice dance gold in Vancouver, Virtue, from London, Ont., and Moir, from Ilderton, Ont., picked up where they left off, posting a score of 44.13 points for their Golden Waltz, the compulsory dance drawn for the world championships.

Americans Meryl Davis and Charlie White, silver medallists in Vancouver and friends and training partners of Virtue and Moir, scored 43.25 to leave them second. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jones puts questions about 2014 Olympic run on hold

CURLING Jennifer Jones and her teammates are putting off a major decision about their future until after the women's world curling championships.

The dominant women's curling team in Canada over the last few years has yet to decide whether it will make a run at representing its country at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.



Jennifer Jones

"It's a long time and it's a lot of sacrifices," Jones said. "I just want to get through the year and figure it out from there."

Jones, third Cathy-Overton Clapham, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn Askin were the favourites to win the Olympic trials in December and go to the 2010 Games in Vancouver. But the Winnipeg team didn't even get close with a 2-5 record. Calgary's Cheryl Bernard won the berth and an Olympic silver medal.

"We certainly didn't perform to our potential at the trials," Officer admitted. "We were disappointed and devastated about that. We had the opportunity and it just didn't work out for us."

Jones has started strong at these world championships, winning a sixth straight game yesterday morning. Jones was alone at 6-0 following a 9-6 win over Angelina Jensen of Denmark and was to face Erika Brown of the U.S. (5-1) at night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

SOCCER Wolverhampton Wanderers won 3-1 at West Ham yesterday to leave its English Premier League rival deep in relegation trouble. Wolves' biggest win of the season took their unbeaten streak to three matches and lifted them one place to 15th — four points ahead of West Ham with seven games to play.

BASEBALL New York Mets shortstop Jose Reyes has been cleared to resume baseball activities after doctors determined his thyroid levels have returned to normal. Mets general manager Omar Minaya said Reyes will resume full workouts today.

LUGE The head of the Vancouver Olympics, an Olympic gold medallist and other dignitaries attended a ceremony yesterday at the grave of the Georgian luger killed during a practice run at last month's Winter Games. Vancouver organizing committee president John Furlong, luge gold medallist Felix Loch, International Luge Federation president Josef Fendt and other athletes and officials came to the hometown of Nodar Kumaritashvili, who died hours before the opening of the games Feb. 12.

NFL Kyle Orton remains the Denver Broncos' starting quarterback, and Brady Quinn is going to have to unseat him if he wants to be the one under centre when the season starts in six months, coach Josh McDaniels said yesterday.

HOCKEY Mark Messier has selected a former teammate to coach Canada's team at the upcoming IIHF World Hockey Championship. The Canadian general manager named Craig MacTavish the team's head coach yesterday. The two were teammates with the Edmonton Oilers in the 1980s and briefly with the New York Rangers in the 1990s.

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Saints won't match Eagles' offer to Bell

A spokesman for the New Orleans Saints says the team will not match Philadelphia's offer to restricted free-agent running back Mike Bell. The Saints had until midnight last night to match the Eagles' one-year offer, but vice-president of communications Greg Bensel told The Associated Press in an e-mail the team would not. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A few burning questions about the Flames

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I wouldn't blame Darryl and Brent Sutter if they felt the hockey gods were conspiring against them this season. It seems everything that's happening lately is working against the Calgary Flames making the playoffs.

The nine straight losses in January? That was the team's own undoing and the defining moment in a season that looks as though it will end without a playoff appearance. It didn't help that the Flames always seemed to run into hot goaltenders, but maybe it was Calgary's abysmal playmaking and shot-making that made good goalies look exceptional.

The Flames have played quite well since the Olympic break (six wins in 10 games, almost a 100-point pace), but who would have predicted both the Nashville Predators and Detroit Red Wings — the teams they're chasing for a playoff spot — would be scorching hot?

There was the hope overachievers Phoenix and Colorado would fall back to earth in the final stretch. Instead, the Coyotes have reeled off nine straight wins and the Avs haven't tanked. With the Predators moving out of reach, the focus shifted to Colorado moving back to the pack, but wouldn't you know it: The Avs scored with 10 seconds remaining to earn a valuable point in an overtime loss to Los Angeles Monday.

So where did it all go wrong for the Sutters? If I was team president Ken King or a Flames shareholder, here are some burning questions I'd ask in the 2009-10 season post-mortem:

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Jay Bouwmeester's regression has been just one of Calgary's many problems this season.

- How do you explain Jay Bouwmeester, the team's $6.68-million man, having a stunning regression into a stay-at-home defenceman? Why did it take him until Game 71 to start pinching with regularity and rushing the puck?
- What's the deal with the Ales Kotalik acquisition, and how do you make his $3 million over each of the next two years disappear?
- How do you find room in the budget to sign both Ian White and Mark Giordano, Calgary's two best and lowest-paid defencemen this season, when there's almost no salary cap room left in 2010-11?
- Did you really have to offer Matt Stajan $14 million over four years when the jury was still out on his credentials as a No. 1 centre in the NHL?
- Why didn't you play Miikka Kiprusoff in that must-win game versus Minnesota — and all games down the stretch?
- Why are the Flames so bad on faceoffs and ineffective on the power play?

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Investigators withdraw request for Big Ben's DNA sample

An attorney for Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger says the Georgia Bureau of Investigation has withdrawn a request for a DNA sample from the player who is accused of sexually assaulting a woman at a nightclub. Ed Garland told The Associated Press last night that officials withdrew the request a week ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hawks snap Coyotes' win streak

NHL RESULTS

Phoenix 0 **Chicago** 2

NHL Antti Niemi made 28 saves for his sixth shutout and the Chicago Blackhawks took over the points lead in the Western Conference by ending the Phoenix Coyotes' nine-game winning streak with a 2-0 victory last night.

Chicago moved closer to clinching its second straight playoff berth and now has 99 points, two more than the surprising Coyotes and one more than San Jose.

Patrick Kane and Marian Hossa scored second-period goals for Chicago, which beat the Coyotes for the first time in four meetings this season. Phoenix's nine-game winning streak had tied a franchise record and included a shootout win over the Blackhawks on Saturday night.

Shooters

- Entering the game, the Blackhawks led the NHL with an average of 34.3 shots per game.

Kane fired a high shot from the middle of the left circle that eluded Ilya Bryzgalov on the glove side, 1:45 into the second. It was Kane's team-high 28th goal of the season and gave him 20 points in his past 15 games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL, union at odds over rule

League's board of governors unanimously approve head shots rule

The NHL is growing impatient with the players' union while it continues to mull over a proposed rule outlawing blindside hits to the head.

As a result, the league's board of governors unanimously approved the head shots rule last night, even though it has yet to hear back from the NHL Players' Association or competition committee.

The collective bargaining agreement calls for rules to go through the committee before being voted on by the board, but deputy commissioner Bill Daly indicated the league might not adhere to that process in this instance.

"As we have stated repeatedly in the past, the creation of the competition committee has not eliminated the role of the board of governors in passing and implementing rules that it deems to be in the best interests of the game," Daly said in an e-mail. "While we are intent on continuing to work with the PA and the competition committee as we have been doing for the better part of two weeks now, to the extent we do not receive a timely answer, we will have to make our own decisions in the best interests of the game and the players."

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Deputy commissioner Bill Daly.

The union clearly doesn't agree.

It received a DVD outlining the details of the proposed rule on Friday night and held a conference call with its five player representatives on the competition committee. The NHLPA intends to send its response to the league this week.

"Under the CBA, the league's proposal cannot take effect until it first receives the support of the joint NHLPA/NHL competition committee, and then is endorsed by the NHL board of governors," said union spokesman Jonathan Weatherdon. "To date, the competition committee has neither agreed on a proposal, nor forwarded a proposal to the board of governors for its vote."

The NHL is trying to fast-track the head shot penalty that general managers originally proposed for next season. A series of recent incidents have put pressure on the league to act sooner.

The 10-man competition committee is comprised of five players, four general managers and Philadelphia Flyers owner Ed Snider. Ottawa Senators centre Jason Spezza, one of the players on the committee, said Monday that the union wanted to tweak the proposal it received from the GMs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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5. Christian Gagnon	NB, CA	982	402	615	1017
6. Dennis MacDougall	NS, CA	1009	407	604	1011
7. Cole Warren	NS, CA	1029	376	631	1007
7. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	1040	424	583	1007
9. Blaine Schlechter	AB, CA	1002	402	603	1005
10. Bernie Horton	ON, CA	968	415	585	1000
11. Myles Dennis	NS, CA	993	381	617	998
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14. Grant Greenfield	AB, CA	1000	438	554	992
15. Sarah Jackson	ON, CA	984	371	619	990

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Nets need two wins to avoid history

"We have to get three wins because no one wants to go down in history in the way we are heading. We have to." Courtney Lee

NBA All the New Jersey Nets need in their final 12 games are two wins.

While it may sound like one of those no-brainer tasks for most teams, the Nets aren't your ordinary team.

This is one looking to avoid the stigma of being the worst in NBA history.

New Jersey has won seven times in 70 games. That's a 7-63 record, or one victory in every 10 games.

Now the Nets have to win twice in the final 12 to avoid ending the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers' 37-year stranglehold on the league's worst mark at 9-73.

"Our sense of urgency is high now," said guard Courtney Lee, who just last year played in the NBA finals with the Orlando Magic. "We have to get three wins because no one wants to go down in history in the way we are heading. We have to."

Can they? It's going to be tough. The Nets have lost eight straight games overall and a franchise-record 14 in a row at the Izod Center.

In a loss to the Heat, starting small forward Terrence Williams sprained his left foot and ankle in the third quarter and had to leave the game.

The rookie did not practise yesterday. He is wearing a plastic boot and his status for today's game at home is questionable.

The good news is that Sacramento is coming to New Jersey to start a five-game road trip. The Kings are 3-7 in their last 10 games, and they will be without guard Tyreke Evans, who leads all rookies in scoring (20.3). Evans suffered a concussion in a recent loss to Milwaukee.

Sacramento is 7-28 on the road.

"This is one we have to have, simple as that," Nets point guard Devin Harris said.

"Banged up or not, we're running out of opportunities, so this is one we have to have." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Spartans leaning on Lucious

NCAA Korie Lucious is enjoying his newfound fame, relishing the buzz he created on Michigan State's campus with his buzzer-beater against Maryland.

"I'm soaking it all up," Lucious said yesterday. "I'm happy I made it, but I can't dwell on that shot. We have to move on because there's more games to win."

The fifth-seeded Spartans will have to beat ninth-seeded Northern Iowa on Friday night in the Midwest Regional semifinals and Ohio State or Tennessee Sunday to advance to college basketball's showcase for the sixth time in 12 years.

The Spartans are not a popular pick to pull off the feat.

Lucious has to replace star guard Kalin Lucas, who ruptured an Achilles' tendon during Sunday's win that ended with Lucious' three-pointer, while Chris Allen (foot) or Delvon Roe (knee) will play banged up in St. Louis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Workology

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Ministry of Labour: The right call?

WorkplaceLaw

An individual's experience, related below, provides an example of why you should be careful when you call the Ministry of Labour.

Following her termination, an individual contacted the provincial Ministry of Labour, seeking advice about her situation. She had not yet contacted a lawyer and the ministry representative who was randomly assigned to pick up the phone did not immediately encourage her to do so.

The two spoke at length about her matter. The individual explained that she had not been paid termination or severance pay, at which point she was encouraged to make a statutory complaint. This was the first error.

The Ministry enforces the provincial legislation only, it does not provide a remedy for common law damages such as wrongful dismissal, which in this case actually made up the bulk of this person's claim.

Without training in employment law, neither the ministry representative nor the individual realized their mistake. As a long-term employee, this person was entitled to considerably more than what the Employment Standards Act could offer. As well, since the legislation caps damages at $10,000, which courts do not, the individual had an upper limit to her claim.

Although the Ministry could easily address and then remedy her complaint, this was not the problem. It was that once it has taken steps to do so, an individual loses the right to file a wrongful dismissal claim. Here, since this person's damages were in excess of the statutory minimum, the bulk of her damages then would be relinquished — an issue that most employment lawyers would spot as a matter of course.

The Ministry has safeguards, but they are not always effective. After most complaints are made, the Ministry mails the claimant a standard form letter explaining that if the complaint is not withdrawn within two weeks, the claimant will not be able to file a wrongful dismissal claim. However, since most people will believe, even if incorrectly, that they received "advice" from the Ministry, they are unlikely to withdraw their complaint or later pay for a lawyer's time to obtain a second opinion. The result is that they are then stuck with their original claim.

This example is not an exception. The Ministry's hotline, which fields calls from prospective complaints, should explain only what the Act says and how it may have been interpreted in the past.

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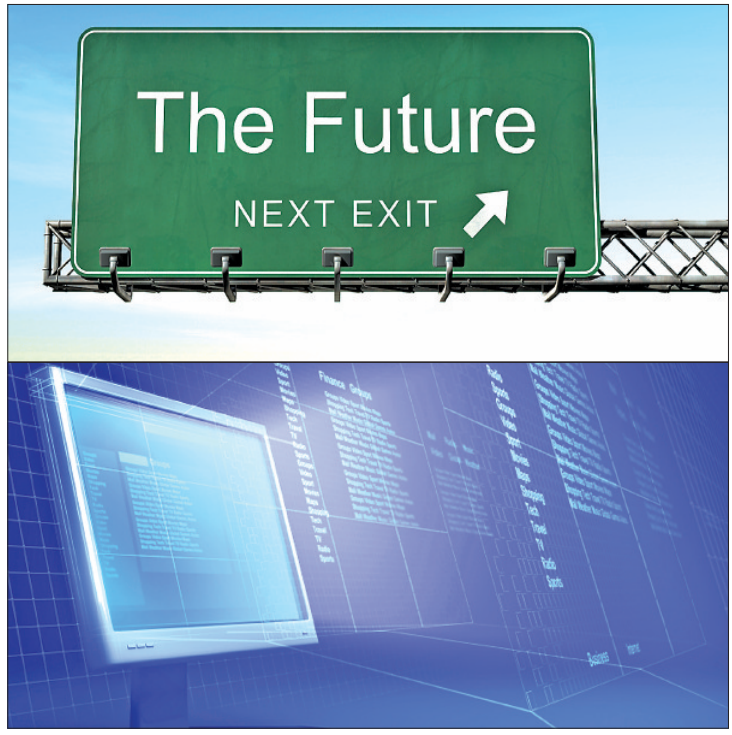

In one way or another, engineers are the key to our future here on earth, be it biomedical, agriculture or software engineering.

The theme of National Engineering Month 2010 is "design the future," and experts say the future is getting very big and very small.

John McLaughlin is a professor of geomatics engineering at the University of New Brunswick. In 2005, he chaired a Canadian Academy of Engineering task force exploring engineering's future.

He sees engineers tackling massive-scale issues like smart continental power grids that would improve energy efficiency and prevent large-scale black outs. He also sees engineers going deeper into nanotechnology as they become the "doctors of the 21st century" in biomedicine and by designing better drugs and medical equipment.

"In the depths of engineering, the way you organize and address problems at massively different scales is interesting," he says. "The really interesting stuff is going on at the intersections with other fields."

That synthesis will see engineers work in business, urban planning, textiles and medicine. McLaughlin recently met a young aviation engineer who uses her masters of fine arts to help re-imagine what a corporate jet could look like.

The last epoch of engineering saw increasing specialization in fields like electrical engineering and mechanical engineering. "It was organized to build a modern, industrial state after (the Second World War)," he says. "It's time to bring engineering back together into some kind of holistic vision."

It's also going to get a lot more human-focused. McLaughlin's mother-in-law is considering a move into a nursing home, but she, like many seniors, wants to stay home as long as she can. Currently, that requires expensive care workers, but in the future, engineers could design technology to safely extend the time seniors can spend at home.

Marie Carter, Engineers Canada's chief operating officer, sees professional engineers becoming engineers of the body.

"We've seen the ability of mechanical engineers to work with electrical engineers and structural engineers and doctors to build advanced prosthetics, hearts and to grow tissue," she says. "I know if I was 18 again and going to university, I'd (have done) biomedical. It is really interesting."

There are also rapid advances in agricultural engineering, which has helped build machines and foods that help developing nations feed their people. Carter sites GPS technology in tractors that allow farmers to harvest grain with extraordinary precision. Food storage is also improving, thanks to engineers.

Software engineering is another dynamic area. "It's interesting how engineering has evolved from the designers of the things we see and touch and use to the designers of the entire system," Carter says.

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A clean car, free of clutter and musty odours is more comfortable to drive in, healthier, and looks good too, experts say.

Out with winter grime

A thorough spring clean key to comfortable driving

Now that winter is slowly making its exit and warm weather has almost arrived, consider giving your car a good spring cleaning, both inside and out.

The auto experts at Canadian Tire can help with the right tools and tips for getting your car in tip-top shape this spring.

"Canadians spend a lot of time in their cars, so it's important to keep them properly maintained and cleaned after the harsh winter months," says Michelle Massicotte, associate vice president of car care and accessories at Canadian Tire. "A clean car, free of clutter and musty odours is more comfortable to drive in, healthier, and looks good too."

INTERIOR CAR CLEANING

Clear out garbage from inside your car. Make sure to check under seats and in the trunk for anything that could be hiding.

Clean the dashboard, consoles, door panels and interior windows. Canadian Tire has special cleaning products to help protect the interior surfaces of your car and keep it looking new.

Remove floor mats and vacuum the carpets and seats.

Replace rubber mats with carpet mats.

EXTERIOR CAR CLEANING

Mix a car detergent with water and soap up the car using a sponge. Pay particular attention to areas where dirt has accumulated, such as wheel wells.

Rinse the soap off with a hose. Be sure to give the undercarriage a good rinse to get the salt off to prevent rust and corrosion.

When the car is dry, buff the exterior with wax for extra shine and protection.

Keeping your car clean is a simple maintenance step that makes a big difference to how your car looks and how you'll feel driving it. Make it fun by inviting friends or family to help you out.

Canadian Tire offers a wide range of carpet mats, cleaning products and accessories to help with your spring cleaning. More hints and products to help shift your car into spring can be found online at canadiantire.ca.

NEWS CANADA

Don't forget filters during spring time

Shining up your ride is rewarding. But if you're just buffing the outside sheet metal, wiping down the seats, and vacuuming the carpets, you're not fully completing your cleaning assignment.

What about the insides of your engine, transmission, and vent system? It's hard to get a broom inside those components; so automotive engineers have fitted them with five essential filters.

Let's quickly review where you find these vehicle filters, and how often you should change them.

ENGINE OIL FILTER

The least expensive filter and the one that has the most bearing on overall vehicle longevity. Like any filter, an oil filter can only suspend so much stuff. When clogged not only is its cleaning ability compromised, but also its ability to keep the oil flowing through the engine at the optimum rate.

Obviously replace the filter at each oil change. Check your owner's manual or on-board oil monitoring system for oil change intervals, but 10K and/or 6 months would be a prudent upper limit.

ENGINE AIR FILTER

An engine needs air (or more precisely oxygen) to combust petroleum.

Like the clogged oil filter, a clogged air filter hinders both cleanliness and flow. And if airflow is compromised, some fuel can go unburned — a dirty, power-robbing, and wasteful outcome.

Generally, air filters can go about 12 to 18 months, or 20-30,000 kms. But have it checked at each oil change.

Or do it yourself, by shining a headlight, flashlight, or trouble light through one side of the filter. If light has trouble getting through, your filter is toast.

FUEL FILTER

Fitted between the gas tank and engine, the fuel filter keeps rust, water, dirt, etc., from your entering your combustion chamber.

Once again, when these things get clogged, both cleaning ability and flow are compromised.

If they get really clogged you can look forward to stalling and hard starting.

Fuel filters are harder to locate; have a mechanic or gear-head friend break the trail for you.

Your owner's manual will stipulate when you should change them, but history has shown us that they usually last about two years or 45K.

TRANSMISSION FILTER

If there is a filter change to leave to the professionals, it's the automatic transmission filter, as it is accessible only when the pan is removed.

Some newer transmissions, especially CVTs, don't have replaceable filters. But all need to have their fluids changed periodically, which is when you should also change the filter (if there is one). Two years or 50K is a ballpark interval for a transmission service — check your manual.

CABIN DUST AND POLLEN FILTER

A lot of people don't even know they have a cabin dust and pollen filter, but most new cars have them. Part of the heating and cooling system, they are usually fitted around the glove box, and can easily be checked and replaced by non-professionals.

They are designed to go about one year, but no harm in checking them every oil change.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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If you are hitting the road this spring, make sure you car is ready.

Are you ready for that road trip?

SPRING The arrival of spring brings exciting road trips and vacations to life, but before you set off on your journey, make sure your car is prepared to get you to your destination safely and stocked with the tools you need in case of an emergency.

The first thing you should do is have your car checked out by a certified technician. They can identify and fix any maintenance and repair needs so you can avoid expensive or inconvenient repairs on your vacation.

It's also a good idea to have a friend or family member walk around your car while you test and make sure all your lights and indicators are working properly. Replace any burnt out bulbs immediately to keep you visible and safe on the road.

Be prepared for the unexpected and ensure your emergency roadside kit is fully stocked and working properly. The roadside kit should include a flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, blanket, emergency triangle, booster cables and rope. You can purchase complete kits or individual pieces at your auto accessories store.

Also. consider investing in an Airman Tire Repair Kit.. This kit can save you time and money should you be sidelined by a flat tire. It combines a powerful air compressor with sealant to repair punctured tires within minutes, so you won't have to wait for roadside assistance or install your spare tire.

Taking the time to prepare your car before you hit the road lets you travel worry-free and focus on fun.

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Pamper car this spring

Vehicles need a little special care after winter

Between the cold weather, road salt and challenging driving conditions, winter takes a toll on your car. So when spring arrives, it's important to take some time to pamper your vehicle and get ready for warm-weather driving.

"De-winterizing your car and having a spring check-up can help extend the life of your vehicle," says Michelle Massicotte, associate vice president of car care and accessories at Canadian Tire.

"Have a technician check your car to identify any required maintenance and repair — it will save you money and frustration later on."

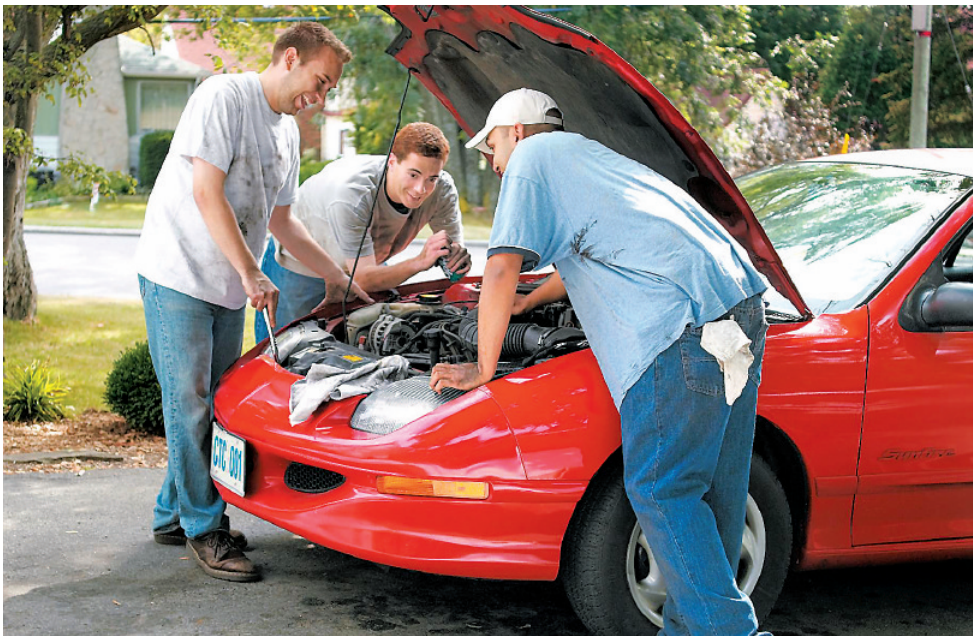
In addition to a spring tune-up, experts at Canadian Tire suggest these car care tips to prepare for spring driving:

CHANGE TIRES

Winter tires can wear out quickly if left on in warm weather, so replace your winter tires with all-season tires as soon as spring arrives. It's also important to have your tires balanced and aligned to ensure a smooth ride.

WASH CAR EXTERIOR

Make sure your spring cleaning includes a thorough car wash. Salt and sand that accumulate on your car could lead to corrosion and rust if left unwashed, so pay attention to the undercarriage of the car where salt and grime can cause the most damage.



De-winterizing your car and having a spring check-up can help extend the life of your vehicle, experts say.

REPLACE WIPER BLADES

Wiper blades that leave streaks or a film on the windshield should be replaced to maintain good visibility, which is critical to safe driving. Experts at Canadian Tire suggest replacing wiper blades every six months and choosing the right wipers for your vehicle and driving conditions.

CHECK OIL AND FLUIDS

Fluids such as oil, coolant and transmission fluid should be checked and topped up regularly to keep your car running smoothly.

You can change the fluids yourself or take your car to an auto service centre and let the professionals do it.

Performing proper car maintenance will help prolong the life of your vehicle and keep it running safely and reliably. More hints and products to help shift your car into spring can be found online at canadiantire.ca.

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Toyota Sienna all about family

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Minivans are the survivors of the auto world. Pundits have predicted their demise for years, but they continue on, and for good reason: Nothing beats them when you have to move a crowd.

Toyota's version is the Sienna, which will be completely revised for 2011.

In the meantime, I took a long-distance trip in a 2010 front-wheel-drive CE: it's the base trim line, at $29,500. Sienna is the only minivan still available with all-wheel-drive, but it can get expensive, rising to $50,980 for the top-line model.

All Sienna models use a 3.5-litre V6 with five-speed automatic transmission. Its 266 horsepower is the highest of its competitors, while its official in-city fuel consumption is the lowest. All Siennas also include electronic stability control, front seat side and curtain airbags, dual-zone climate control, cruise control, heated mirrors, and tire pressure monitoring system.

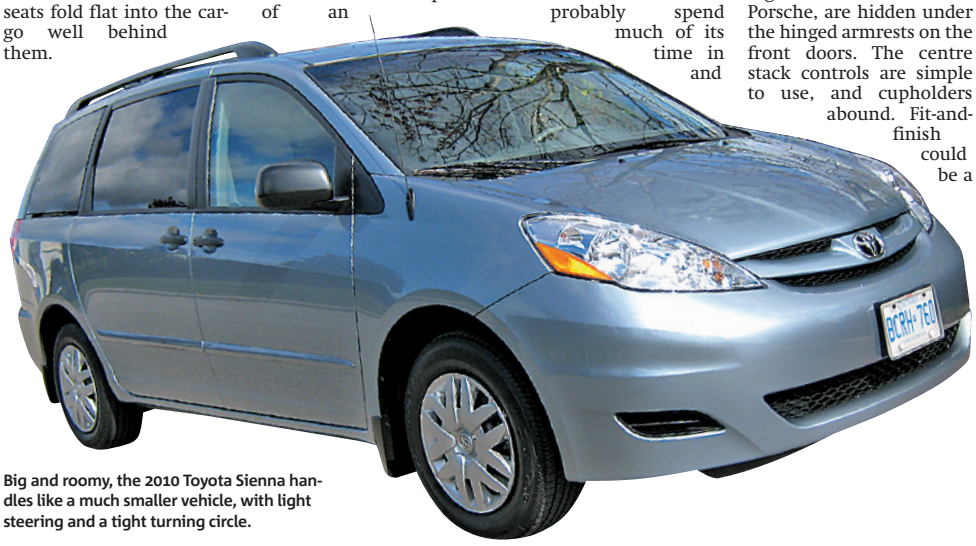
The second-row seats can be folded in half, tumbled forward, or removed entirely — they're easy to unlatch, but heavy to lift out — while the third-row seats fold flat into the cargo well behind them.

Chrysler is still the only one with second-row seats that fold into the floor, but the thin foam needed to make them work also means they get uncomfortable very quickly.

Sienna's seats, while initially fine, got very hard at about the two-hour point of an eight-hour road trip. Volkswagen Routan and Honda Odyssey still lead the pack for long-distance comfort.

Big and roomy, Sienna handles like a much smaller vehicle, with light steering and a tight turning circle, important considerations for a vehicle that will probably spend much of its time in and out of parking spots. It stops fine, but the brake pedal feels mushy. I also found the liftgate heavy and hard to close; power liftgates are only found on the upper-line models.

There is a treasure trove of storage cubbies, including two that, like on a Porsche, are hidden under the hinged armrests on the front doors. The centre stack controls are simple to use, and cupholders abound. Fit-and-finish could be a little better, though.



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2010 Toyota Sienna

Type: Minivan
Price: from $29,500
Engine: 3.5L V6
HP: 266

Highlights

- Only minivan available with all-wheel drive
- Plenty of storage space
- Impressive power and performance

You can get into a Dodge Grand Caravan for much less, but Sienna stacks up favourably among most of its other rivals for price, especially when looking at comparable features — the even "base" Sienna still contains a long list of items.

Power, performance and fuel consumption all rate high, along with functionality that easily trumps any of Toyota's SUVs or crossovers. Minivans may not be sexy, but they do exactly what they're supposed to do.

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Travel

Walk around Northern Ireland

Offbeat and charming, and filled with humour, insight, and a wide array of eccentric characters, Beyond Belfast tells the story of one man's misguided attempt at walking the entire Ulster Way: a 560-mile path that circles Northern Ireland, from the city walls of Derry to the moorland heights of the Sperrins, from the green glens of Antrim to the Mountains of Mourne. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Exploring eccentric Barcelona

ROMINA MCGUINESS
Metro World News

Quirky, eccentric and fiercely patriotic. Barcelona has it all — beaches, great nightlife and amazing shopping and sight seeing.

WHY GO NOW?

Visiting Barcelona, Spain's second largest city, is like going to another country altogether. With its own language (Catalan), laws and traditions, here are fiercely proud of their city. Eclectic, dreamy, and super trendy, Barcelona is less oppressive than the capital city Madrid and much more quirky. Being on the coast, temperatures are also great all year round.

IT'S MY FIRST TIME

Avenue of Las Ramblas

The brouhaha along the broad Avenue of Las Ramblas makes it one of the most exciting in streets in Spain. You can pick up a tweeting bird (in its cage), flower bouquets, printed t-shirts or stop for a cana (small beer) and listen to the street music.

Grab a breath of fresh air at the city's waterfront only a short walk from Las Ramblas. On Sunday mornings, local families and tourists rub shoulders strolling along the sand and dipping their toes in the somewhat chilly Med. Order a fragrant dish of seafood paella or fried calamari at La Mar Salada (Passeig Joan de Borbó).

I'VE BEEN BEFORE

Parque Guell

Eccentric artist Antoni Gaudí's colorful and crazy Parque Guell is a great way to spend the day. Bring a picnic and see some of the artists' most creative designs — the park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Culture is the life and soul of Barcelona, so dropping by the Museu Picasso (museupicasso.bcn.es) is a must. Some of his greatest work is on display here.

WHERE TO SHOP

Head to the antiques market held in front of a cathedral on Plaça Nova, in Barrí Gòtic district. It's a beautiful place to buy all sorts of bits and bibelots; dramatic manila shawls, posters, sturdy jewelry and the odd dusty old typewriter. Haggling isn't an option, it's a must.

Established in the 18th century, the bustling Mercat de la Boqueira (La Rambla, 91) is great for a not-so-ordinary afternoon shopping. Fresh fruit and vegetables form vivid pyramids of color and stalls sell pretty much everything Spanish and delicious from fresh cheeses, to breads and cuts of meat.

WHERE TO GO OUT

Stand up tapas bar Quimet & Quimet (Poeta Cabanyés 25) is a great way to start the night. The cramped space manages to remain cozy and all sorts of cans and bottles cover the wall from top to bottom. Its "New York meets Catalunya" vibe spreads to the delicious menu of cream cheese (all cheeses are overwhelmingly used as the leading ingredient here), beef and sweet tomato jam. The wine selection is particularly good. Watch people fill their glasses or even bottles with wine pouring (not literally) out of the oak barrels at Bar Bodega Teo, a local fixture since opening in 1951. The interior design is flashy and fabulous- fairy lights and insect lamps are there to keep you out of the dark.

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Taking a cable car ride can give you a great view of the city.

This Spanish city offers a mix of historical and modern attractions.

The market at La Boqueria is a great place to find fresh food.

Three exciting things to do

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Top tips for Barcelona

Best Apartments

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Best Pre-dinner Drinks

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Many benefits to marrying abroad

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DANIEL SQUIZZATO
for Metro Canada

Destination weddings are becoming more and more popular. One expert expects them to make up 25 per cent of her business.

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So, what's next?

It's a question more and more couples are asking these days, according to destination wedding specialist Laurie Keith. She says destination weddings — where couples travel to a foreign spot for their ceremony — account for about 16 per cent of all weddings, with that number expected to rise to 25 per cent in the coming years.

Her company, Romantic Planet Vacations, handles between 200 and 300 destination weddings a year, with all-inclusive resorts in locales such as Mexico, Cuba and the Dominican Republic being the most popular choices.

But while there's a romantic appeal to getting married in a special place, there are also plenty of practical considerations.

Not to worry, says Keith.

"There are actually many benefits of having a destination wedding, one being saving money on it," she says.

According to Keith, the average wedding in Canada costs $26,000, while a destination wedding usually runs the couple only about $6,000. The savings generally come from guests paying their own way, though there are options available for the cost-conscious.

Keith says group discounts are available at most resorts, and she's also seen situations where the couple pays for part of their guests' expenses.

Besides, she says, considering that most Canadians will take one trip a year, "they can just combine that with the trip to visit their family or friend at their wedding."

Once the guest list is sorted out, Keith has some key tips for the wandering couple: Plan as far ahead as you can, and consult someone who specializes in destination weddings.

"Most brides and grooms get overwhelmed with all the options out there," she says. "We can sit down and go through the process of asking what their interests are, what their budgets are (and) what destinations they favour."

The wedding planner will also handle issues such as airfare, accommodations and travel documents, says Keith. But what about the most important parts of the ceremony, the rings? How do they get there?

Not in your checked luggage, advises Keith. Couples should keep those handy at all times. She also says most airlines offer closet space to store wedding dresses during transport, though that space can get cramped if the plane has other like-minded couples onboard.

Aside from laying down deposits early to avoid disappointment, Keith also has one other important bit of advice: "don't let your guests boss you around.

"They tend to want a say in where they're going and what they're doing. But it really is ultimately your wedding, so at the end of the day, it's up to you."

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A new beginning

Opportunity abounds for kids enrolled in summer camp

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Canada

There are many benefits kids get from going to summer camp. One of those benefits is that they can learn without the pressure of being graded.

"They can just enjoy learning," says David Field, the editor of the Ontario-based Our Kids Go To Camp magazine. "It doesn't have to have something attached to it that they have to achieve."

This means kids can progress at their own pace.

"We take a child from where they are to anywhere they can go in the specified time we have them and they feel good about it, as opposed to being graded on it," says Andrea Jaros of SAIT Polytechnic in Calgary. She's responsible for the summer camps at SAIT and is a former teacher herself.

Camps can also offer kids a fresh start, compared to what they're used to at school.

"In school, there's certain assumptions or you might get labelled," says Field. "But when you go to camp, it's a whole new beginning. You start fresh, (it's) a chance to meet all new people, do all new sorts of things, nobody knows anything about you."

Summer camp helps kids develop life skills

Summer camps also help develop life skills, such as conflict resolution and communication skills. This is especially true in overnight camps.

"You have to get along with people that you may be in the same cabin with or people you're spending all day long with," says Field. "It's a different circumstance. You don't go home at night and then get away from them. You have to learn how to work with people. You may not like everybody, but you have to respect and understand them."

The camps also allow children to build supportive relationships, both with each other and the adults running the camps.

"That's very helpful, especially if the child does not have a lot of positive influences in their lives," says Jaros.

In today's age of emails, text messages and cell phones, the camp experience is face to face.

"The entire camp experience is social," says Field. "You're not chatting with someone on a screen, you're talking with them in person and you're gaining experiences with people."

But above all, camps provide an opportunity to do something different.

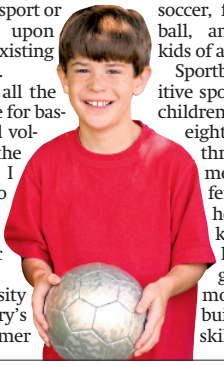
"It's a chance for them to discover new likes and dislikes," says Field. "It's a chance for them to make new friends, and also the friendships will last a lifetime."

Enhancing skills at camp

MICHELLE LINDSTROM
for Metro Calgary

SPORTS CAMPS Sports can be much like math homework when kids surpass their parents' ability and Mom or Dad need to look for other sources to challenge their talented child's skills.

There are numerous sports camps available in Calgary to take a child to the next level, whether that's learning how to play a new sport or improving upon his or her existing knowledge.



"I credit all the skills I have for basketball and volleyball to the camps I went to when I was younger," says Eric Kerkhoven the University of Calgary's Dinos summer sports camp co-ordinator.

Kerkhoven prides the camps the Dinos run — football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, hockey — on the quality coaching staff. Each one is a coach of a U of C varsity sports team.

Mount Royal University offers basketball, hockey, soccer and volleyball camps for various ages.

Active for Life summer camps at the Talisman Centre include swimming, basketball, ultimate frisbee, soccer, flag football, bocce ball, and floor hockey for kids of all ages.

Sportball is a non-competitive sports program where children from 16 months to eight years old are taken through the fundamentals of seven different ball sports — hockey, soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, tennis and golf — to focus on movement while building on social skills and self esteem.

Kids get creatively challenged at summer art programs

Encourage your child's artistic expression this summer.

MICHELLE LINDSTROM
for Metro Calgary

ART CAMPS If challenged, children will surprise you with their skill and artistic expression — just hopefully not on their bedroom walls.

Julia Jordan is a co-owner and instructor of Chris Jordan's Fine Art Studios Inc. where kids summer art camps are held for children six years and older. She says children enrolled in her Oil Painting or Drawings From Life summer camps don't need any previous experience, but they do need to be able to spend a few hours without their parents in an art studio.

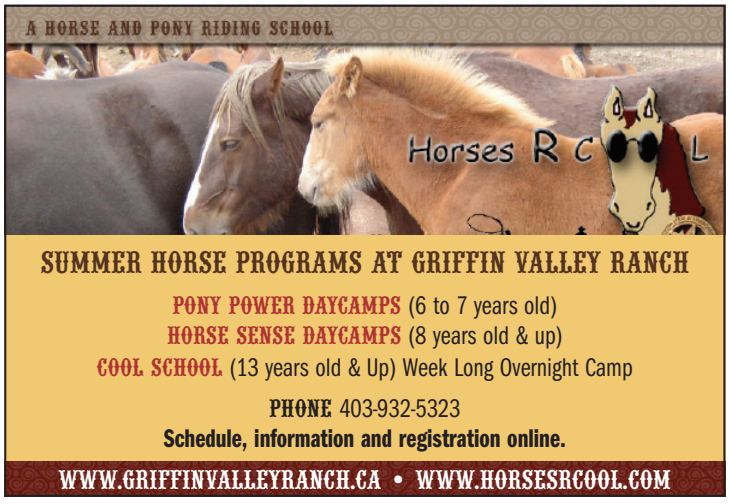
"We don't just let them doodle around. They are pretty amazing."
Julia Jordan, instructor

"We challenge them a lot," says Jordan. "We don't just let them doodle around. They are pretty amazing."

Jordan's studio's Oil Painting camps run July 12-16 or August 9-13 for $160 with supplies included. Drawing From Life camps run June 29/30, July 20/21 or August 24/25 for $110 with supplies.

Lillian Tkach-Matisons holds summer art workshops for kids with a summer theme in mixed medium, including paper mache. The courses run four different times in July and August for $30/day or $150/week.

The Calgary School of Art has three summer art camps lined up for the kids: Abstract Painting for six-to 12-year-olds runs July 5-9 or July 12-16 for $160 with supplies included; Still Life Drawing for ages six to 12 is $110 running three hours a day in two potential sessions, July 5-9 or July 12-16; and Learn to Draw and Paint Horses for kids ages nine and up runs July 12-16 for $125.



Culture CLub could reunite
He isn't promising anything, but Boy George has said that his former band Culture Club may reunite in 2011 to mark the three decades since their formation. "I think we could do a one-off gig or maybe a small tour," he told the BBC. POPEATER.COM

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For the kids
What do Robert Downey Jr., Katy Perry and a few hundred gallons of green slime have in common? The stars are set to help dole out Nickelodeon's 23rd Annual Kids' Choice Awards this Saturday. PEOPLE.COM

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Baruchel tames the Dragon

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Jay Baruchel is the first to admit he's easy to please, and making his latest film, the animated How to Train Your Dragon, gave him plenty to smile about — including fulfilling a lifelong goal of having an action figure based on one of his characters.

Baruchel sat down with Metro to talk about Scottish accents, unlimited hamburgers and why Canadians are so funny.

Q How did you like making an animated film?

A For me it was a lot of fun because I got to record a lot of it in Montreal. I was able to just record and go home, which is pretty cool. It's always fun when you're doing it with other actors, but there's something to be said about just coming in for two hours, doing each line 10 times, eating a hamburger and going home. I can't stress enough how they always had hamburgers waiting for me. It was pretty cool.

Q Hamburgers were a specific requirement?

A Yeah, it kind of was. Even when I did some recording for the DVD. I was only going to be in there for half an hour, and they're like, "We got In & Out on the way, it's coming." It was amazing. Even in New York, when I was recording there, I'd roll in and they'd be like, "OK, we just sent someone out to McDonalds for you." That was great.

Q Did you recognize a lot of yourself in your animated character, Hiccup?

A Maybe I'm just a narcissist, but yeah. I saw a lot of myself in there. He's got terrible posture, and he scrunches up his face the way that I do, and he gestures with his hands and he's real skinny. Yeah, I take ownership of him, man. A hundred and fifty per cent. I'm just predisposed to loving Hiccup. I think he's awesome. There's this little dude on screen who's like a mini cartoon of me. It's like as close to having a kid as I've ever come.

Canadian actor Jay Baruchel, right, voices a character named Hiccup in the new animated film How to Train Your Dragon.

Q Have you thought about moving to L.A. instead of staying in Montreal?

A I've been acting out here since I was 18, and I'll be 28 next month, so if I was going to move I probably would've done it a while ago. It's a racket I've been running for about a decade now. It's great, since I don't live here they always put me up in a nice hotel, and if I lived here I'd just be another actor. But also I live three blocks away from my mother and the house I grew up in, and I live with two guys that I've known since I was 14. That's just my home.

Q Why do you think Canadians, on average, are funnier than Americans?

A Well, I won't say that. I know better than to agree to that. But what I'll say is we export a lot of funny people. Actually, generations of people have tried to answer that question. What makes us funny? It's basically because we're equal parts in Great Britain and the U.S., so we have two different comedic sensibilities put into one. It's either got to be that or it's the free medicine gives us more time to think about jokes. I don't know, but there's something in the water, definitely.

How to Train Your Dragon opens Friday

Q Do you get an action figure of yourself for this movie?

A I do. I'm a Happy Meal toy, which is a huge benchmark in my career. For someone that eats as many hamburgers as I do, to be a readily available toy at one of the places that sells said hamburgers is a pretty big thrill, honestly.

Q In the movie, the adults are voiced by Gerard Butler and Craig Furgeson, while the kids are voiced by you, America Ferrera and Jonah Hill. Do Vikings become Scottish at some point during puberty?

A (Laughs) That was always a question. I think they like that it hammered home the generation gap more. All the old guard talk a certain way, and the rest of us — I read a review where they said we sound like kids that could be found at any mall. But yeah, there's a point when your balls drop and you start talking Scottish.

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Owl City takes flight

KATARINA MATSSON
Metro World News

Coca-Cola warehouseman Adam Young cured his insomnia by making music and as Owl City his single Fireflies topped charts in the U.S., Canadian and U.K.

But the Minnesota native is notoriously reluctant to give interviews. Metro Sweden's Katarina Matsson managed to spark an email exchange with the reluctant star.

Adam Young started making music in his parents' basement.

Q Hello Adam, you came from nowhere to reach number one in several countries and suddenly the buzz is everywhere. Who are you?

A I have no idea who I am. It's sort of like that Jackie Chan movie…

Q When and why did you start making music?

A I didn't have anything sweet to do with myself so I started making music in my parent's basement two years ago. I found the process pleasing and thus, I haven't stopped.

Q I understand that you created Owl City due to insomnia. Do you still have trouble sleeping?

A I take Ambien a lot and sometimes I leave the vacuum cleaner running all night to give me some good background noise. It's ironic really, because those nights I sleep the littlest, I often find the most inspiration. It's a blessing and a curse.

Q Do you still record in your parents basement and do you still live there?

A Yes and yes.

Q Why are you called Owl City?

A Because it makes more sense than I know how to describe.

Q Your influences range from God to fashion to art … What is your main inspiration?

A God.

Q What kind of European electronic music do you like?

A I'm really into trance music and I listen to a lot of Tiesto, Armin van Buuren, ATB, etc.

Q You're often compared to Postal Service, what do you think about that?

A I think I want to take my shirt off and grill a burger on the back porch.

Q You're travelling the world right now, how do you like your new life? Is it very different?

A It's the same life I've always lived except that I ride around in a huge bus and I don't sleep with any of my own blankets. I also play guitar.

Q What projects are you working on right now?

A A sneaky new album maybe?

Q Do you dream of any special collaborations?

A Taylor Swift, Shaquille O'Neal.

Q Name an outfit that makes you feel good?

A My dad's smelly motorcycle jacket.

Gallagher says attack felt like he was 'hit by a bus'

PEOPLE Oasis guitarist Noel Gallagher says it felt like he was "hit by a bus" when he was attacked on stage at a Toronto music festival.

In a victim impact statement read in court today the English rock star says his injuries from the September 2008 incident forced him to cancel concerts. Gallagher, who suffered three broken and dislodged ribs, says that hurt sales of the band's albums.

Gallagher did not attend the Toronto court yesterday in person, but rather had the statement read in to the record.

Daniel Sullivan of Pickering, Ont., who pleaded guilty to causing bodily harm, admitted he was drunk and couldn't remember how he got backstage at the Virgin Music Festival.

He returns to court April 21 for sentencing.

In videos taken by fans and posted on the Internet, Sullivan is seen storming the stage from behind and pushing Gallagher in to some speakers while the band performed their 1995 hit (What's the Story) Morning Glory.

A flailing Sullivan is then tackled by security guards as he approaches Gallagher's younger brother, singer Liam Gallagher.

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Spacek joins medical drama
Coming off a multi-episode arc on HBO's Big Love, Sissy Spacek is heading to CBS for another TV gig. The Oscar-winning actress has joined CBS' John Wells-produced medical drama, according to The Hollywood Reporter. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Springer hosts new dating game

GAME SHOW Jerry Springer is reinventing himself again, this time as host of a dating game series.

Baggage, debuting next month on the Game Show Network, gives three contestants the chance to win the eye of a prospective date. The hitch: Contestants have to reveal their faults and foibles.

Jerry Springer

Among the planned suitors: a shoplifter, a woman who gets advice from psychics and a control freak.

Springer called "Baggage" a family-friendly show that's "just fun and lighthearted. There's no life-changing issues."

"I'm like the crazy old uncle," he said. "People feel comfortable telling me their secrets, that I won't be judgmental."

The series debuts April 19.

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The sky's the limit for Fly Girls

New show follows glamourous — or not —lives of flight attendants

These flight attendants are bringing sexy back.

Fly Girls, a CW reality show debuting 9 p.m. ET today, follows the lives of five Virgin America flight attendants as they jet around the country.

The eight half-hour episodes will feature the attendants sharing a home in Los Angeles, working long hours while dealing with grumpy passengers and partying on their layovers in cities such as Las Vegas, Miami Beach and New York. The series promises stories filled with romance, family and friendships.

Fly Girls airs tonight

"Everything that you are going to see is real — all the relationships, all the reactions," executive producer Jeff Collins said. "The series itself has a lot of twist and turns in it, some of it is very personal, and that's all real. You can't manufacture that."

It's that work experience producers hope will give "Fly Girls" an edge over other reality shows.

"These women came to the table with a story, with a history," Collins said, adding that they were already friends or acquaintances before filming began.

Tasha Dunnigan, 28, has worked for nearly three years with the San Francisco-based airline that launched in August 2007. "My number one thing is to show people I am a single mother, I have a son and that everything is possible," she said.

"My job makes me be away from my son, days at a time. But if that's ... what you have to do to make ends meet, that's what you have to do. And at the end of the day, there is always a brighter side."

Dunnigan filmed one chilly day with cast members Louise Nguyen, 28, and Many Roberts, 26, at the popular South Beach spot Nikki Beach, where they lounged on outdoor beds.

The new reality show Fly Girls follows the lives of five Virgin America flight attendants.

Virgin Atlantic President Richard Branson makes a cameo appearance on the series.

Capturing the work environment was a balancing act for the production crew, since they had to comply with federal rules and regulations, and airline requirements.

Federal Aviation Administration officials met with Virgin America representatives in October 2009 to discuss the airline's involvement in the series. Virgin had to agree to include a management representative on board every flight when filming took place.

The airline also had to notify all passengers that filming would take place on their flight. The cast served as extra crew so that the primary flight attendants could focus on their jobs.

The film crew was barred from shooting cockpit footage when a plane was airborne.

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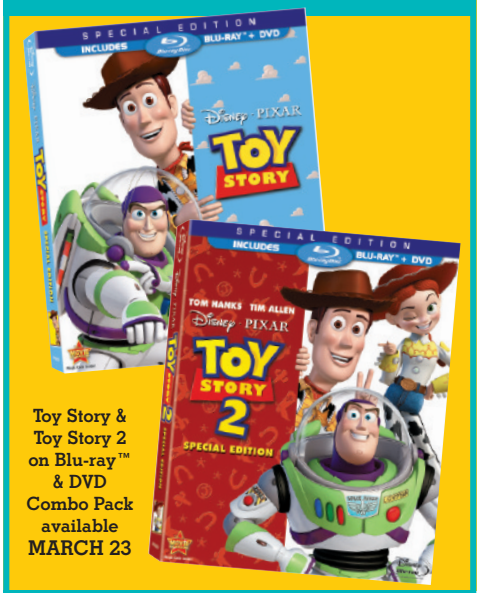

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Deadliest Warrior gears up for bloodier second season

Inside the downtown warehouse where the second season of Deadliest Warrior is in production, an impaled ballistics gel dummy — complete with phoney blood-filled organs — slowly slides down a towering wooden stake.

The grisly snail-like movement, almost invisible to the human eye, is meticulously captured by a super-fast high-speed camera.

"This is the most gruesome thing I've seen on the show," says Dr. Armand Dorian, an emergency room doctor who serves as the show's medical expert. "It's a nine-foot pole going through someone's rectum all the way out through their clavicle. That's pretty bad. Having said that, I have seen similar impalements in real life. Nothing purposely done, of course."

It's just another gory day on the set of Spike TV's popular hypothetical fighting show, which mixes science, history, fantasy and gore to hypothesize the results of make-believe matchups between real-life combatants. On one rainy winter day last month, gnarly Romanian warlord Vlad the Impaler and meticulous Chinese general Sun Tzu were on the fight roster.

While the show's science and technology may be complicated, the premise is absurdly simple: Who would reign in a fight between, for example, a pirate and a knight? The real winner seems to be Spike. The first season averaged an admirable 1.8 million viewers and was the testosterone-laden cable network's best-selling series on downloadable platforms last year.

Deadliest Warrior's second season premieres April 20.

EVANS WARD/AP PHOTO/SPIKE TV

Host Geoff Desmoulin holds a weapon during taping of an episode pitting Vlad The Impaler vs. Sun Tzu for Spike TV's Deadliest Warrior, in Los Angeles.

"You've got gadgets, tidbits of history and medicine, and you've got carnage," says Geoffrey Desmoulin, the show's resident biomedical engineer who also holds a black belt in karate.

"I think the reason it's so successful is that it keeps your regular Spike viewer engaged, but it's also bringing in people from Discovery, ESPN and other channels." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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But then you'd have nothing to talk about – ever

Carmen Electra regrets having her breasts enlarged. The former Baywatch actress — who boosted her modest bust to a DD cup size — now thinks she should have left her boobs as they were, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

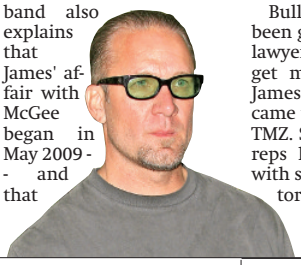
Celebrity Buzz

McGee 'obsessed' with James, says ex

THEY SOUND PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER Ronald Shane Modica is speaking out about his ex-wife Michelle "Bombshell" McGee and her alleged affair with Sandra Bullock's husband Jesse James, us-magazine.com reports.

Modica — who unsuccessfully filed emergency court papers last Friday for full custody of Avery, his five-year-old son with McGee — says that his own marriage suffered as a result of his wife's preoccupation with the Monster Garage star.

"We had problems during our marriage because of her obsession with Jesse James," Modica tells The Insider. "I once walked into the salon that she owned and she had our wedding photo up there on her mirror and there was a cut out picture of Jesse James' face over my face."



The ex-husband also explains that James' affair with McGee began in May 2009 -- and that McGee made inflammatory accusations about James and Bullock's union.

Bullock and James have been getting in touch with lawyers just in case things get messy after news of James' alleged infidelity came to light, according to TMZ. Sources say Bullock's reps have been in touch with several top divorce attorneys.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Supermodel's hubby fears for her safety

NOT QUITE ON THE SAME LEVEL THERE, MATTY Claudia Schiffer's husband is terrified she will be murdered by a fan, just like John Lennon.

Director Matthew Vaughn — who confronted a stalker in the couple's home in Suffolk, East England, in 2004 — has serious concerns for the safety of his supermodel spouse, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

He said: "We have had some freaks. I am not the famous one, but as a husband you get worried for your wife. With the John Lennon thing — now and again a celebrity gets 'done in,' it's scary."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Could Hilton's reality days be numbered?

ATHEISTS, START PRAYING — WE CAN DO THIS Paris Hilton has reportedly been shopping around a new reality show that will track her upcoming engagement and marriage to Doug Reinhardt — but no one's interested, according to Page Six. "She's been on TV constantly since 2003, when The Simple Life debuted, and the public may be saturated with Paris," a source says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Janet praises Tyler Perry

A HOLLYWOOD ANOMALY Janet Jackson says film director Tyler Perry was a major source of support when her brother Michael died unexpectedly last June — repeatedly checking on her and even halting work on the movie they were making together, people.com reports.

"He actually stopped production and was there for me," Jackson, 43, told People on Monday at the New York premiere of Perry's new film, Why Did I Get Married Too? "(He was) constantly calling me, making sure I was OK, making sure that there wasn't anything that I needed or my family needed."

He is "such a sweetheart," she added, "so giving and so loving."

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@justinbieber Barbara walters just came backstage earlier. I hit on her... Just joking around though. Think she liked it. Haha

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Hewitt gives herself a public pep talk

BECAUSE I'M GOOD ENOUGH, I'M SMART ENOUGH ... Jennifer Love Hewitt is taking her recent breakup with Jamie Kennedy in stride. "It's what life handed me, and I'm OK with it," she tells USA Today. "I know wholeheartedly that I'm a really good partner. I think I'm a really good girlfriend, and I think that I could be a really good wife." As for going back to work on The Ghost Whisperer, co-starring Kennedy, the actress says, "It's fine. Everyone's a grown-up. It just is what it is."

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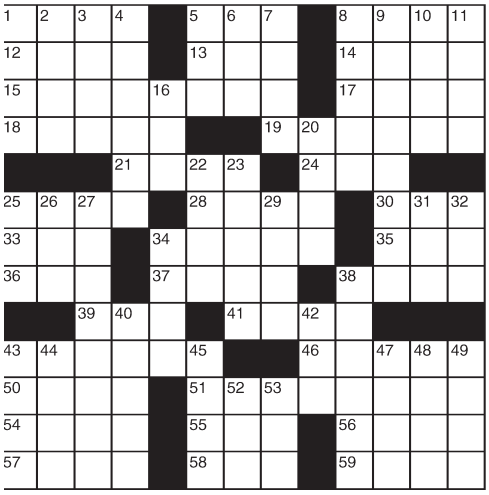

ACROSS

1 Satan's minions
5 Afternoon get-together
8 Burn somewhat
12 Paint layer
13 Lummox
14 Sitarist's music style
15 And so forth
17 "— Named Sue"
18 "Superman" star
19 Wreak havoc on
21 Big fair
24 D.C. title
25 Become a member
28 Reed instrument
30 Moray, for example
33 Samovar
34 La Scala show
35 Kanga's kid
36 Sleuth
37 Part of a three-piece suit
38 Slamming sound
39 Expert
41 Being, to Brutus
43 Mourn
46 Third rock from the sun
50 Sleeping
51 Skin cream ingredient
54 Antitoxins
55 Pod denizen
56 Tend texts
57 Celebrity
58 Knight's address
59 Lasso

DOWN

1 Bakery worker, at times
2 Speck
3 Walk the floor
4 Spielberg or Soderbergh
5 Pirouette pivot
6 Listener
7 Somewhere out there
8 Want really bad
9 "Carmen" number
10 Enthusiastic, plus
11 Martha of comedy
16 Ritter of Westerns
20 On a cruise
22 Benedict XVI, e.g.
23 Unpleasingly plump
25 Stick out
26 Raw rock
27 Secretly
29 Doggie bag fill
31 Quite some time
32 Journal
34 Microwave
38 Dam builder
40 Fragrant wood
42 Witness
43 Glaswegian gal
44 Help hoods
45 Reveille's opposite
47 Give a makeover to
48 Stumble
49 Loathe
52 Mainlander's memento
53 Rowing need

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	3		7			2	5	
5				6		9		4
4				3				
	2	1			7		6	
				1				
	9		5			1	4	
				2				1
9		5		7				8
	7	8			6		9	

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

B	A	R	B		E	N	D		I	N	F	O		
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A	L	A		S	O	R	T	S		A	P	E		
B	O	X	S	C	O	R	E		W	R	E	N		
			M	A	N	Y		A	R	E	N	A		
L	A	M	A	R	R		A	G	A					
U	S	E	R		I	D	I	O	T	B	O	X		
T	E	A	M		S	O	D		H	O	N	E		
Z	A	N	Y		E	W	E		S	P	E	D		

9	8	3	2	4	6	1	5	7
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6	3	7	1	2	4	9	8	5
4	9	2	3	8	5	7	1	6
8	1	5	9	6	7	3	4	2
1	7	8	4	5	3	6	2	9
2	5	9	6	7	1	8	3	4
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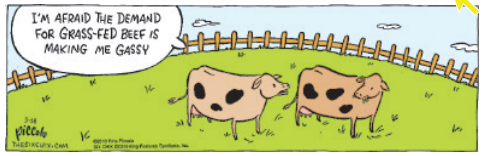

Metro Recipe of the Day

Quinoa With Balsamic Vegetable Kebabs

INGREDIENTS:

2/3 cup quinoa, rinsed
1 2/3 cups hot vegetable stock, made with stock cube
2 x 250-g packages roasting vegetables
2 tbsp sunflower oil
2 sprigs of fresh thyme
200 g can corn, drained
1 tbsp butter
125g frozen peas
250 g marinated tofu, cut into bite-sized cubes
1 tsp mild chili powder
3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Place quinoa and stock in large pot; add 1/2 tsp salt and ground black pepper. Boil, then cover and simmer gently 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, push roasting vegetables onto eight metal skewers, brush with oil and scatter with some leaves from thyme sprigs. Place in shallow roasting pan and season. Roast 10-12 minutes or until vegetables begin to soften.
3. Stir corn into pot of quinoa and add butter, peas and tofu. Add chili powder. Cover and cook gently 5 minutes. Remove from heat and leave to stand. Add parsley and fork through.
4. Drizzle balsamic vinegar over kebabs and return to oven to roast until just tender. Serve with quinoa.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You will be rather tense today but you will do okay if you keep in mind at all times that nothing can hurt you.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't try too hard to put your thoughts into words. This is one of those days when it is might be better to say nothing at all.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may not be in the best of bargaining positions at the moment but that does not mean you are doomed to lose out or lose money.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
For some reason you have got it into your head that you need to be better than everyone else. That's nonsense.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Your mind seems to be working overtime at the moment: ideas come to you so fast you hardly have time to write them all down.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Virgo is a sympathetic sign and the best way to show that you care today is to give your time to some kind of charitable cause.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may wish you had never started a particular project but you have no choice but to see it through to the end.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
If you think that something is going to go wrong today it most likely will – it is your own negative attitude that is attracting negative events.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It's one thing to say you should love your neighbor, but some people don't make it easy. If someone is particularly annoying, try to avoid them.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may be feeling a bit insecure at the moment but that is not an excuse to grab at the first decent offer that comes along.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Something is worrying you to such an extent that you can't get it out of your mind. By this time tomorrow, however, you will have forgotten why.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't commit yourself to any new purchases today. What seems like a bargain may cost you several times more in the long-term.

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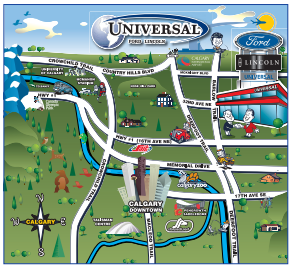

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